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SUBJECT: RAILWAY STRIKE CONTINUES

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1. DEFYING THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES ORDER, UNDER WHICH THEY WERE TO RETURN TO WORK JANUARY 6, MOST RAILWAY STRIKERS REMAIN OUT ON STRIKE. THE OFFER OF A BANK LOAN (12 PERCENT INTEREST) AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO A SALARY ADVANCE HAS NOT BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE STRIKERS. POST OFFICE WORKERS CANCELLED OR PERHAPS POSTPONED THEIR PLANNED STRIKE, BUT GOVERNMENT CLERKS STRUCK TODAY AS ANNOUNCED (THEY ARE NOT COVERED BY THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES ORDER). GOVERNMENT DOCTORS HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY PLAN TO WORK "EFFICIENTLY", A NEW EUPHEMISM FOR THEIR "WORK TO RULE", DESPITE THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES ORDER.

2. THE CEYLON FEDERATION OF LABOR, THE LANKA SAMA SAMAJA PARTY-CONTROLLED UNION IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR,
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MEETS JANUARY 6 TO DECIDE WHETHER TO GO ON STRIKE IN PROTEST OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTEMPT TO SEND THE RAILWAY WORKERS BACK TO WORK. SOME UNIONS IN THE NATIONALIZED BUS SYSTEM ARE EXPECTED TO STRIKE JANUARY 8, WHEN THE NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL EXAMS ARE TO BE COMPLETED.

3. COMMENT: THERE HAS AS YET BEEN NO GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO

THE RAILWAYS WORKERS' DEFIANCE OF THE CABINET DECISION ORDERING
THEM BACK TO WORK. THE OPPOSITION UNIONS APPARENTLY FEEL THEY HAVE THE

BACKING TO OPENLY CONFRONT THE GOVERNMENT. THE NEXT
MOVE IS PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE'S.
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